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PSC ISSUES DECISION IN AMERENUE TRANSMISSION LINE CASE

Jefferson City (August 21, 2003)---Including specific conditions designed to mitigate the impact on those landowners affected by the building of the electric transmission line, the Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application filed by AmerenUE to construct and maintain an electric transmission line in central Missouri.

The Commission has determined, based upon a thorough review of the evidence in this case, that overloading conditions on the current Bland-Franks line, increased risk of damage to or failure of lines and equipment, and safety concerns caused by overloading, results in the need for the transmission line proposed by AmerenUE. The Commission has determined the proposed transmission line is necessary to provide reliable electric service.

As a condition in this particular case, the Commission has ordered and AmerenUE has agreed, that placement of the line be limited so that, absent a voluntary agreement from the property owners for the sale of the property rights, no currently occupied residential structure is removed so that the owners are required to relocate from their property.

Additional conditions:

- >To avoid further confusion, AmerenUE will survey the line once it is built and record the easement with the appropriate county. A copy of the survey will also be filed with the Commission.

- >AmerenUE shall follow specific guidelines for construction, clearing and maintenance, repair and right-of-way practices.

- > The construction of the line is limited to the location specified in the Company's application, unless a written agreement from the landowner is obtained, or the Company gets a variance from the Commission for a particular property.

- >If original easements are determined by a court to be invalid, AmerenUE would need to seek additional approval from the Commission.

The Commission order approving the application states: "After considering the application and all of the evidence filed and presented, the Commission concludes that AmerenUE's decision to build the proposed Callaway-Franks Line is a reasonable and sound electric solution to the overloading problems existing on AmerenUE's system. Furthermore, the Commission concludes that because it provides the shortest route with the least impedance, the Callaway-Franks Line is the best electrical solution of the reasonable alternatives."

The Commission further noted: "Having found that the Callaway-Franks Line will lessen the potential for safety hazards and damaged facilities, avoid service interruptions, avoid increased maintenance costs, enhance the reliability of the electric grid, and promote cooperation between electric utilities, the Commission also concludes that AmerenUE's choice of the route from Callaway to Franks is a reasonable and sound route."

The proposed 345-kilovolt transmission line, called the Callaway-Franks line, would be approximately 54-miles in length. It would begin at a point near Chamois in Osage County, extend south through Maries County and terminate in Pulaski County near Franks, Missouri.

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